

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Yonggang Ji on 07/29/2011.

The application has been amended as follow:

In claim 9, at the end of the claim insert a period --.--

Cancel claim 3.

Reasons for allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The closest prior art was that which was cited in the previous office action filed on 05/12/2011. Kihlberg reference discloses a method and apparatus for production and use of ^{11}C monoxide in labeling synthesis. Linstrom and Zeisler uses aryl or alkyl iodides or vinyl triflates in the presence of a palladium catalyst and a tin reagent to make ketones. But Linstrom and Zeisler does not suggest making ketones using the triflates of the formula $\text{R}_1\text{-OTf}$, wherein R_1 is linear or cyclic alkyl or substituted alkyl or heteroaryl group in combination with the boronic acids reagents as claimed. The claimed subject matter is not taught or suggested by the cited reference and thus, the claimed subject matter is considered to be novel and patentably distinct over the prior art of the record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JAGADISHWAR SAMALA whose telephone number is (571)272-9927. The examiner can normally be reached on 8.30 A.M to 5.00 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Hartley can be reached on (571)272-0616. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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